The Broadcasting Law has to been enacted by the Parliament yet. The Government propose to bring before the Parliament a comprehensive legislation which will, *inter alia*, provide for regulatory mechanism for various aspects of broadcasting.

(d) The test transmission of the new channel of Doordarshan--GYAN DARSHAN (Educational Channel of India) was launched on 26th January., 2000. The channel is in initial stage and increase/improvement in its various programme segments including those on science and technology will be taken care of, as needed.

Telecasting of Nepali films with sub-title

3140. SHRI DAWALAMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that, Doordarshan does not telecast Nepali film with sub-title like films in other regional language;

(b) the reasons for such discrimination;

(c) whether Government will agree to give relaxation for at least ten years to any such policies which has debarred the telecasting of Nepali films with sub-title; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) to (d) Prasar Bharati have intimated that films in Nepali language, like films in other regional languages can also be telecast on the National Network of Doordarshan provided such films fulfil the eligibility criteria. It has further been intimated by Prasar Bharati that no Nepali language film has so far been offered to Doordarshan for telecast.

Time for Telecasting Nepali Programmes

3141. SHRI DAWALAMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Calcuta Doordarshan has slashed down the time of telecasting of Nepali programmes during last two years;

(b) whether Government will propose to allot more tele-time for Nepali programme which cater the needs for people of West Bengal and Sikkim;

(c) whether Government will agree to make suitable change in timings also, to allow more people to enjoy the programmes in Nepali;

(d) if so, the time frame thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Loan by World Bank

3142. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank assisted project of the Film and Television Institute is functioning at Hesaraghatta near Bangalore ;

(b) if so, the amount of loan provided by the World Bank for the above institute;

(c) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sent any proposal to set up another Film and Television Institute in Karnataka; and

(d) whether the Karnataka Government has been repaying the loan taken by the World Bank in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) and (b) As per details furnished by the State Government of Karnataka, Rs. 13,874 crores has been provided by the World Bank to the Film and Television Institute functioning at Hesaraghatta near Bangalore.

(c) No sir.

(d) The State Government has informed that the process of repaying the loan will start on 15-6-2000 when the first instalment will be due.